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**Subject:** Re: SIGNED: Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science

Possibly.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 9:02 AM, O'Farrell, Thomas <[O'Farrell.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:O'Farrell.Thomas@epa.gov)> wrote:

Yes so just thinking for a second. Will this affect OPP's ability to make decisions based on human subjects research? Or maybe I'm missing something.

Tom

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Yesterday today Administrator Pruitt announced this proposed rule. The proposed rule touches upon three aspects of OSA work – public access to EPA funded research, human subjects research protection, and scientific integrity. It has highly significant implications for EPA programs and regions in defining how access to research data is used in rulemaking.

I presume it will be released in the Federal Register shortly. The proposed rule seeks comments and I suspect your state, local, academic, industry, and NGO partners will be interested. Please feel free to distribute it to them.

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**Subject:** SIGNED: Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science

Good afternoon

Today, the Administrator signed the proposed rule "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science."

This proposed regulation is intended to strengthen the transparency of EPA regulatory science. The proposed regulation provides that when EPA develops regulations, including regulations for which the public is likely to bear the cost of compliance, with regard to those scientific studies that are pivotal to the action being taken, EPA should ensure that the data underlying those are publicly available in a manner sufficient for independent validation.

In this notice, EPA solicits comment on this proposal and how it can best be promulgated and implemented in light of existing law and prior Federal policies that already require increasing public access to data and influential scientific information used to inform federal regulation.

Attached is the signed and dated proposed rule. For your convenience, please go to p. 19 for the Administrator's signature.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Laura

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